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SUBJECT: RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
(IGC) OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP)

REF: ROME 3803, STATE 59927

ROME FOR FODAG/USDEL IGC

1. FURTHER GUIDANCE ON SIZE OF RECONSTITUTED IGC FOLLOWS:

2. WE CONSIDER BALANCE BETWEEN DONORS AND RECIPIENTS
CRUCIAL IN ANY SIZE INCREASE. AS WE SEE IT, IF SEPARATE
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED LEAVING PRESENT IGC
ESSENTIALLY AS IS, ONE REASON (EFFICIENCY OF PRESENT IGC)
FOR LIMITING ENLARGEMENT WOULD BE LOST AND DANGER OF
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IMBALANCE INCREASED SIMPLY AS RESULT OF SIZE. THIS IS

MORE OBVIOUSLY SO IF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN-ENDED.
IN THE INTEREST OF BALANCE AS WELL AS EFFICIENCY WE WOULD
THEREFORE PREFER A SINGLE RECONSTITUTED BODY OF LIMITED
SIZE. DEL SHOULD PRESS POINT IN ANY APPROPRIATE WAY THAT
UNIQUE BALANCE OF IGC RENDERS IT FAR MORE ACCEPTABLE TO
DONORS AS EITHER ADMINISTRATIVE OR POLICY BODY THAN
IMBALANCED BODY WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM SUBSTANTIAL EN-
LARGEMENT.

3. FOR REASONS STATED PARA 11 FIRST REFTEL WE AGREE
IT WOULD BE FAR PREFERABLE TO ESTABLISH SIZE NOW. AS
FALL-BACK POSITION, DEL MAY CONSIDER BALANCED ENLARGEMENT
OF BODY UP TO 36 MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT SEPARATE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE REFLECTING PRESENT IGC. IF LARGER FIXED NUMBER
SHOULD BE NECESSARY, WE CONSIDER SEPARATE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE REQUIRED FOR VIABLE WFP OPERATIONS. DEL IS
FURTHERMORE AUTHORIZED, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO PRESS FOR
POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION ON SIZE IF OPEN-ENDED SUPERVISORY
COMMITTEE IS NECESSARY PART OF ANY AGREEMENT THAT CAN BE
REACHED AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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